**READING GOALS**

**Becoming a better student and reader will lead to:**

* My reading scores increase
* My grades increase
* I improve my chances for graduation (About 70 percent of convicts who entered prison in 2003 were dropouts.  Eighty-eight percent of all high school dropouts who do not receive at least their GED will be incarcerated by the time they are 25, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.)
* I improve my chances for college
* My job opportunities will increase
* Over the course of my lifetime, I will earn more money than students who do not graduate or attend college.

**Your Assignment:**

* On the opposite side of this paper, **CIRCLE THE FIVE STRATEGIES THAT YOU WILL USE TO BECOME A BETTER READER and student.**

* Using the five strategies that you selected, write a paragraph that describes what you will do to become a better student.
* Use your classroom writing rubric.
* This paragraph will become part of your Student Data Notebook and be mailed home to your parent(s).

**Five things I will do to become a better student.**

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| I will get more sleep. | I will do my homework every day. | I won’t be a troublemaker. |
| I will pay attention in class. | I will think before I act. | I will avoid troublemakers. |
| I will contribute to class discussions. | I will think before I write. | Always do a second draft using our rubric |
| I won’t disrupt teaching. | I will become better organized. | I will subscribe to a magazine. |
| I will make lists of things to do. | I will make a place at home to do my homework. | I will find someone to help me with home/school work. |
| I will watch less TV. | I will play less video games. | I will earn/save money to buy a computer ($149). |
| I will be proactive. | I will help other students. | I will seek first to understand. |
| I will plan ahead. | I will do what my teachers ask. | I won’t put things off. |
| I will ask questions. | I will listen to/ follow directions. | I will find my areas of interest. |
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**You may use the last set of boxes to add your own ideas.**